

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended by the present Amendment. No new matter is added by the amendments to claim 1.

Claims 4, 9 and 10 have been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b).

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of (1) claims 1-3, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2002/0113931 ("Park") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,617,230 ("Ohgawara"), and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2002/0003587 ("Tsuji-mura"); (2) claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park in view of Ohgawara, in view of Tsuji-mura, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,101,289 ("Takao"); (3) claims 1-3, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park in view of Ohgawara, in view of Tsuji-mura, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,285,301 ("Shirahashi"); and (4) claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park in view of Ohgawara, in view of Tsuji-mura and Shirahashi, and further in view of Takao.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, that the first area is a border area of the display area and the first area displays a predetermined color determined by the first color filter.

For example, referring to paragraphs 0062 and 0074 of Applicants' disclosure, when the electric potential difference between the pixel electrode and the common electrode is zero, a normally white mode is maintained. As a result, the liquid crystal transmits all light incident into the liquid crystal in the border area, and the light that

transmits through the liquid crystal passes through the color filter to thereby display the borderline having a predetermined color determined by the color filter. See, e.g., Figs. 5A, 6A, 9 and 11.

In contrast to the claimed embodiment, none of the cited references disclose these features. For example, the LCD of Park is a normally black device, so that the LCD merely displays a black color in a zero electric field. In addition, referring to col. 8 of Ohgawara, the peripheral regions are kept in the light-shielded state by applying the selective voltage or the non-selective voltage according to a positive type or a negative type. Further, referring to column 6 in Shirahashi, the dummy lines DGL, DDL are masked by a panel frame or by a light blocking film BM. Lastly, the remaining cited references do not cure these deficiencies in Park, Ohgawara and Shirahashi.


Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references, when taken alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the claimed embodiment, and there is no motivation to develop same.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, and claims 2-3 and 5-8, which depend from claim 1, are patentable over the cited references.

As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1-3 and 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicants' Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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